

BAY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 20, 2002

THE BAY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION MET FOR A CLARITY HEARING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2002, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE BAY COUNTY BUILDING. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN KAREN A. TIGHE AT 4:15 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT.

ROLL CALL: COUNTY TREASURER JEANETTE E. NEITZEL
COUNTY CLERK LINDA L. TOBER
PROBATE COURT JUDGE KAREN A. TIGHE, CHAIRMAN

ALSO LORAINA A. URBANCIK, SECRETARY TO THE COUNTY CLERK
PRESENT: TIMOTHY THURMAN ELSWICK, PETITIONER
OTHER INTERESTED PARTY

CHAIRMAN TIGHE ANNOUNCED THAT THE ELECTION COMMISSION WAS MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A CLARITY HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PETITION TO RECALL CITY OF BAY CITY COMMISSIONER MARY BLEAU OF THE 4TH WARD. THE PERSON WHO FILED THE RECALL PETITION IS TIMOTHY T. ELSWICK. CHAIRMAN TIGHE READ THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED ON THE PETITION. CHAIRMAN TIGHE NOTED THAT COMM. BLEAU WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS CLARITY HEARING.

CHAIRMAN TIGHE ASKED MR. ELSWICK IF HE HAD ANY COMMENTS. HIS ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT THIS LANGUAGE WAS THE SAME AS THAT APPROVED RECENTLY FOR SEVEN OTHER CITY COMMISSIONERS.

COUNTY CLERK TOBER NOTED THAT THE WORD "LIABILITY" WAS MISSPELLED ON THE PETITION FILED AND MUST BE CORRECTED BEFORE PETITIONS ARE CIRCULATED. SHE ALSO CLARIFIED THAT THE PETITION SHOULD BE TYPED AND TAKEN TO A PRINTER FOR DUPLICATION. IF EVEN ONE WORD DOES NOT MATCH EXACTLY THE APPROVED LANGUAGE, THE ENTIRE PETITION WOULD BE DEEMED INVALID.

COUNTY CLERK TOBER CALLED FOR A VOTE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON THE RECALL PETITION FOR 4TH WARD CITY COMMISSIONER MARY BLEAU. THE LANGUAGE WAS APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE, 3 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

CHAIRMAN TIGHE ANNOUNCED THAT THE LANGUAGE HAD BEEN APPROVED WITH THE SPELLING CORRECTION.

COUNTY CLERK TOBER REMINDED MR. ELSWICK THAT CIRCULATION OF PETITIONS CAN BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE COLLECTED WITHIN A 90-DAY TIME PERIOD AND SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE WITHIN 180 DAYS. THE CIRCULATOR OF A PETITION MUST BE A REGISTERED ELECTOR OF THE 4TH WARD AND PETITIONS MAY BE CIRCULATED ONLY WITHIN THE 4TH WARD. A TOTAL OF 292 VALID SIGNATURES MUST BE SUBMITTED. THIS IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST DURING THE 1998 GOVERNOR'S RACE. SHE SUGGESTED THAT MORE THAN 292 SIGNATURES BE COLLECTED TO ENSURE THAT AT LEAST 292 OF THEM WILL BE DECLARED VALID.

CHAIRMAN TIGHE ADJOURNED THE ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING AT 4:18 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

LINDA L. TOBER
BAY COUNTY CLERK